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March 15, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 March 15, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT SAN GABRIEL
AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND
MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT FUNDS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a Resolution, as required by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant under Proposition 1 authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funding for the Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project by the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the action set forth in this Board letter is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt a Resolution approving the filing of an application for grant funds of up to \$1,000,000 with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy under the Proposition 1 Grant Program to partially fund the Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to conduct all negotiations and prepare and submit all documents and other information required in connection with the grant application.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to accept grant funds, if awarded, in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 for the Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement

Project and to execute all necessary agreements, reports, and amendments including extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and alterations in the grant amount, subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel, and to submit requests for payment of grant funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to enable the County of Los Angeles (County) to file an application for grant funding under the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program (RMC Proposition 1 Grant), in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, to partially fund the County's Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project (Project). This recommended action will also delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to accept grant funds, if awarded, and execute all agreements, amendments, reports, and payment requests related to this Proposition 1 Grant application. On May 26, 2015, the Board approved the submission of 12 Enhanced Watershed Management Programs to improve water quality in Los Angeles County beaches, lakes, and rivers. This Green Street Project is part of the strategy included in the Upper San Gabriel Enhanced Watershed Management Program to capture wet- and dry-weather runoff and reduce the amount of pollutants that could be released into storm drains, coyote creek, and eventually to the ocean. The proposed Project site would be located along the Washington Boulevard median (between Duchess Drive and Crowndale Avenue) in the disadvantaged community of West Whittier/Los Nietos. The Project involves evaluating the suitability of soil conditions for infiltration through geotechnical investigations, designing and installing infiltration units under the road median, engaging local residents through community meetings, and monitoring stormwater quality improvements after construction.

The RMC Proposition 1 Grant requires the governing board of an applicant to adopt a resolution approving the filing of a grant application. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to these requirements and has been approved by County Counsel. The Department of Public Works will return to the Board for all project approvals for advertising and award of contracts related to the Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by actively seeking grant funds to strengthen County's capacity to sustain essential services and improving the quality of life for residents with environmentally sustainable practices.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of completing the Project is estimated at \$2,000,000. Public Works has requested \$1,000,000 in net County costs for the Project under the Unincorporated Areas Stormwater Program in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recommended Budget. Should the \$1,000,000 grant request not become available, Public Works will request the additional amount during the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In November 2014, the voters of California approved the Water Quality, Supply, and

Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), which provided funds for State water projects, including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. In September 2015, RMC published Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines establishing the process and criteria that the RMC will utilize to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants. The RMC Proposition 1 Grant program requires the governing board of an applicant to adopt a Resolution approving the filing of a grant application. Adopting this Resolution approved by County Counsel will complete the County's application for the RMC Proposition 1 Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Public Works will return to the Board for all project approvals for advertising and award of contracts related to the Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. Submission of the grant application involves the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve a commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. We will return to the Board to seek approval of the project, along with the appropriate documentation under CEQA, as applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Adoption of this Resolution and the acceptance of potential grant funding will not have an impact on current services or projects currently planned. The proposed projects will enhance the quality of life for the residents by reducing pollutants released into the ocean, replenishing local groundwater supply, and diminishing urban runoff in the West Whittier/Los Nietos area.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and two originals of the signed Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel (Erik Conard)
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE APPLICATION
FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014
(PROPOSITION 1), FOR THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require a grant applicant's governing body to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program for the Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project (Project) under the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1); and
2. Certifies that the Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs (or if it is not, that the project is still approved); and
3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the goals of Proposition 1 including multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
5. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines; and

6. Appoints the Director of Public Works or her designee as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all documents including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 15th day of March, 2016, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.



LORI GLASGOW
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By Carla Little
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
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